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Judges, Lawyers Launch Legal Assistance Initiative

(Boise) – Some of Idaho’s top judges and lawyers are launching a statewide effort to encourage expanded legal assistance for the disadvantaged.

Chief Justice Daniel Eismann of the Idaho Supreme Court, Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, and University of Idaho Law School Dean Don Burnett today announced a joint plan to encourage law firms to provide free legal services to financially strapped individuals.

The announcement of the new program came at a news conference at the Idaho Supreme Court.

A resolution adopted by the group establishes a Pro Bono Commission that will work with private and governmental lawyers to encourage legal help for the poor. The resolution noted that “equal justice for all is fundamental to our system of government; and the promise of equal justice under the law is not realized for individuals and families who have no meaningful access to the justice system because they are unable to pay for legal services.”

Specifically the new Commission will:

- Encourage larger Idaho law firms, corporate law departments, and government law offices to maximize the involvement of attorneys in pro bono services, and
- Explore the development of means and incentives to support attorneys in providing services to those unable to pay for legal services

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